REMARKS

On December 4, 2008, the Examiner issued an Election/Restriction Requirement for Applicants to elect one of the following groups of pending claims for examination:

Group I: Claims 1-2, 14-18 and 28-30, drawn to communications link with high data rate and low data rate links;

Group II: Claims 3-9, drawn to UWB transceivers to establish a low power communications link between devices and no transmission of link manager protocol in the UWB link; and

Group III: Claims 10-13 and 19-22, drawn to UWB transceivers to establish a low power communications link between devices with maximum data rate up to 1G bit/sec and transmitting data as modulated pulse trains to a base receiver.

In response, Applicants elect <u>Group I, claims 1-2, 14-18 and 28-30</u> for examination at this time. <u>This election is made with traverse.</u>

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement as being improper at least upon the basis that the inventions are not independent and distinct from each for the following reasons:

- (1). The inventions are not independent and distinct from each for the following reasons:
- (i) Claims 1-22 and 28-30 describe the same or equivalent subject matter in the same inventive categories in different detail;
- (ii) The claim groups by inspection are similar in design, operation and effect in implementing the inventive categories;
- (iii) The claim groups are not patentable over one another by incorporation of unobvious subject matter as an indication of independence or distinctness;
- (iv) The claim groups are in the same search class and nearby subclasses, and would not pose a serious search burden on the Examiner.